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Support for the Amendment

Support for the Substitute Sequence Listing, filed concurrently herewith, can be found, for example, in the Sequence Listing in the English Translation of PCT/JP99/05080, as filed, at pages 1-5. Amendments to the Sequence Listing are solely editorial in nature. The Substitute Sequence Listing contains no new matter.

Support for new claims 2 and 3 can be found, for example, in the instant specification at page 5, lines 11-17. Support for new claims 4, 5 and 13 can be found, for example, in the instant specification at page 6, lines 3-6. Support for new claims 6 and 14 can be found, for example, in the instant specification at page 6, lines 7-8. Support for new claims 7 and 15 can be found, for example, in the instant specification at page 6, lines 8-12. Support for new claims 8 and 16 can be found, for example, in the instant specification at page 6, lines 12-16. Support for new claims 9 and 17 can be found, for example, in the instant specification at page 6, lines 16-22. Support for new claims 10 and 18 can be found, for example, in the instant specification at page 6, lines 16-22, and page 14, lines 12-20. Support for new claims 11 and 19 can be found, for example, in the instant specification at page 7, lines 3-5. Support for new claims 12 and 20 can be found, for example, in the instant specification at page 7, lines 5-7. Upon the entry of this Preliminary Amendment, claims 1-20 will stand pending in the instant application. No new matter is added by the instant Amendment.

Based on the above, an early and favorable action on the merits is earnestly

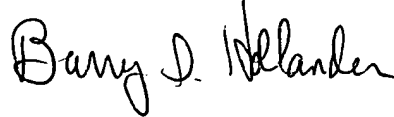
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solicited.

Filed concurrently herewith, Applicants have submitted a Substitute Sequence Listing and a diskette in a computer-readable form.

If any fee is due, please charge our deposit account no. 501032.

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Enclosure: "Versions with Markings to Show Changes Made"

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New claims 2-20 have been added.